

REMARKS

The present amendment is in response to the final Office Action dated February 4, 2011, which set a three-month period for response, making an amendment due by May 4, 2011, with the initial two-month period for response expiring April 4, 2011.

Claims 1, 4-6, 10, 19-21, 24, and 25 are pending in this application.

In the final Office Action, claims 1, 3-6, 10, 19-21, 24, and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 28 and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,653,584 to Chen. Claims 28 and 30 were further rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 2,711,461 to Happe.

The Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 1, 3-6, 10, 19-21, 24 and 25 if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under Section 112, second paragraph.

In the present amendment, rejected claims 28 and 30 were canceled.

Claims 1, 4, and 10 were amended to address the rejection under Section 112, second paragraph. Claim 3 was canceled.

It is believed that all of the formal rejections raised in the final rejection have been addressed and resolved in the present amendment. With the cancellation of the only rejected claims, claims 28 and 30, it is further submitted that the application now stands in condition for allowance. Action to this end is courteously solicited. However, should the Examiner have any further comments

or suggestions, the undersigned would very much welcome a telephone call in order to resolve any remaining issues in order to expedite placement of the application into condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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